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SUBJ: PONOMAREV CALL AND THE LEADERSHIP SITUATION

REF:STATE 097796

1. MY LONGSTANDING REQUEST TO CALL ON PONOMAREV, AS WELL AS SUSLOV AND MAZUROV, IS STILL OUTSTANDING. THE MAZUROV CALL IS LIKELY TO COME FIRST, BUT THE OTHERS COULD ALSO OCCUR AT ANY TIME. I WILL PRESS FOR A MEETING WITH PONOMAREV PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR THE STATES.

2. CAN THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDE ANY FURTHER BACKGROUND TO ITS QUESTION ABOUT THE STATE OF PLAY WITHIN THE LEADERSHIP? WE HAVE OF COURSE NOTED ENIGMATIC SIGNALS SUCH AS BREZHNEV'S FAILURE TO SPEAK ON MAY DAY, THE AMBIGUITY REGARDING THE RANKING OF MAZUROV AND KUALKOV IN THE MAY DAY PHOTOGRAPHS, AND THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES JUBILEE (WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE RELATED TO KELDYSH'S HEALTH). AND WE OBVIOUSLY WILL BE WATCHING FOR REVERBERATIONS FROM BRANDT'S RESIGNATION. DOES THE DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY FURTHER THOUGHTS? ANY CLUES ABOUT THE TIMING OF A CC PLENUM?  
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